

Construction of a bridge across the Periyar river.

143. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether contract has now been given for constructing a bridge on the Alwaye-Parur road across the Periyar river;

(b) to whom was the contract given;

(c) whether the construction of the above bridge has been started;

(d) whether the construction of the above bridge is now suspended or whether it is being continued;

(e) whether the Assistant Engineer specially deputed for the construction of the said bridge has reported to his superiors about any difficulty in connection with the construction of the pillars (for the abutment, on the southern side of the above bridge);

(f) if so, the date and the subject matter of the report;

(g) whether in the construction of the above bridge, the contractor wants or the P. W. Department proposes to make any deviation from the original plan as shown in the contract given to the contractor;

(h) if any such deviation is to be made, what it is;

(i) the date stipulated in the contract for the completion of the bridge;

(j) the period by which the Government propose to complete the above bridge;

(k) whether the Chief Engineer has at any time inspected the construction of the above bridge; and

(l) if so, the result of such inspection?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (a) Yes.

(b) Messrs. J. C. Gammon Ltd., Bombay.

(c) Yes.

(d) It is being continued but the work will be slack during monsoon period.

(e) Yes.

(f) On 12-1-1938 the Sub-Division Officer reported that the upstream well has tilted.

(g) and (h) No deviation except the correction of the tilting.

(i) 14 working months from 1-9-1937.

(j) About August 1939/end of 1114 M. E.

(k) Yes, several times.

(l) On a careful examination, some slight modification in the original design of the foundation work by substitution of a combination of wells and piles instead of wells alone as originally fixed upon, is found preferable by the Chief Engineer.

District Hospital at Parur.

144. *MR. P. K. KUMARAN (*Kunnathnad cum Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state: